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UNITED STATES SENATE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell Majority Leader U.S. Senate U.S. Capitol, S-230 Washington DC 20510

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Dear Majority Leader McConnell:

On behalf of the Senate Democratic Caucus, I write to request that you and the Republican Conference attend an All-Senators meeting next week on the topic of health care. Now, more than ever, Republicans and Democrats need to come together to find solutions to America's challenges.

Our health care system affects every single American and one-sixth of our economy. We believe we all owe it to our constituents to pursue any bipartisan potential legislation because it profoundly impacts so many American lives.

The U.S. Senate has long been considered the world's greatest deliberative body and, as members of that body, we should each support open and robust debate. That is why we are dismayed at the reports that there will be no public hearings on your proposed changes to the American health care system.

Please accept our invitation to sit down together in the old Senate Chamber to find a way to make health care more affordable and accessible in the United States.

Sincerely,

CHARLES E. SCHUMER United States Senator